

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 544
By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to recognize Joseph Brenner, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Brenner, Jr. is one such estimable person who has served with distinction since 1974 with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Brenner, Jr. will be taking a much deserved retirement after his dutiful service to the good people of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, retiring as Senior Legal Counsel in the Office of Planning, Joseph Brenner, Jr. has also served as a Legal Analyst 1, a Program Analyst 3, and a Staff Attorney 2 and 3 with the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Vanderbilt University School of Law, Mr. Brenner is a recognized authority on Tennessee mental health and disability law; he has drafted large parts of Title 33, the mental health and developmental disabilities law; and

WHEREAS, a devoted public servant, Mr. Brenner has been a committed advocate for mental health service recipients, promoting quality of life and protection for citizens with mental illnesses and development disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Brenner, Jr. has worked with numerous members of the Tennessee General Assembly to serve and benefit the mentally handicapped and developmentally disabled communities; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Brenner's extensive expertise has enabled the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to effectively execute and administer its contracts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brenner is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Brenner, Jr. exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Brenner has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Joseph Brenner, Jr. our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.